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## Lotteries.

Dated Calcutta, the 27th September 1871.

From—G. R. Fenwick, Esq., Honorary Interim Secretary, French National Lottery.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Some time ago a number of French gentlemen and others jointly submitted an application to His Excellency the Viceroy, a copy of which, with its enclosure, is herewith forwarded, requesting the permission of Government for carrying out a scheme of a French National Lottery, the object of which is to raise funds for the relief of the peasantry of France.

2. That application was returned by the Private Secretary, with an intimation to the effect that it is a matter to be considered by the Local Governments, and one which the Government of India cannot initiate.

3. The Provisional Committee would gladly act upon the suggestion made by Major Burne, but that they fear it would be attended with much difficulty and delay. For the success of the projected French lottery it would be necessary to advertise it as widely as possible, and a separate application would, therefore, have to be made to each subordinate Government and Administration. It is impossible also to anticipate the result of such application as to how far the replies to them would be consistent with one another.

4. Under these circumstances the application is respectfully re-submitted for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy, whose permission alone would have force throughout the Empire, whereas that of a subordinate Government would be restricted to its own local jurisdiction.

5. As the matter is urgent the favor of early orders is respectfully solicited.

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Dated Calcutta, the 29th June 1871.

To—Major C. T. Burne, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy.

We, the undersigned members of a Provisional Committee for carrying out a comprehensive scheme for the relief of the suffering people of France, have the honor to request that you will do us the favor of laying the accompanying prospectus before His Excellency the Viceroy with a view of obtaining His Excellency's sanction under Section X. of Act XXVII of 1870, copy of which is annexed for convenient reference.

2. We scarcely need to bring to His Excellency's notice that it is impossible to conceive stronger circumstances warranting an exception such as that provided for in the law above quoted than are to be found in the case now respectfully submitted for His Excellency's favorable consideration.

3. It may be stated that the scheme as now laid before His Excellency has the unqualified concurrence and approval of the Consul-General of France in Calcutta, who is the recognized representative of the French nation in British India.

4. It is only necessary to add the explanation that, as the scheme is intended to be put into effect in all parts of the country, the authority of the Imperial, rather than of the local Government would seem to be required, and it is for this reason we have ventured to trouble His Excellency on the subject.

We have the honor to be, &c.

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| Robert & Charriol | T. L. LePeltier |
| Henry Beer | E. Riogtier |
| Felix Charriol | Bodelio & Co |
| L. E. Saubolle | A. Dollet |
| Geo. Roe Fenwick | P. Dollet |
| Camin Lamouroux | T. Rodriguez |
| E. Delatouche | A. Courjon |
| C. D. St. Pourcain | N. A. Chick |

*French National Lottery for the relief of the suffering people of France, by permission of the Government of India, under Section X. of Act XXVII. of 1870, and with the approval of the Consul-General of France, in Calcutta.*

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PROSPECTUS.

At the commencement of the late war between France and Prussia, an appeal was made to all Englishmen to subscribe to funds for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiery of both armies, and that appeal was liberally responded to. At the time the appeal was made, it was the belief of every one that the campaign would be a brief war between two armies which the first or second really decisive battle would end. It was consequently thought a fund for the sick and wounded soldiery would be all that would be required. Events, however, belied those expectations; the war was carried to the walls of Paris, and has brought upon the unfortunate peasants of the country all the horrors which ever followed in its train. The people who depend for their subsistence on the grains which they raise, and the cattle which they breed, have been reduced to the greatest destitution and suffering. The utter wretchedness of their condition will be easily understood by the following summary of the circumstances in which they are placed:

In the sections of country that have been traversed by armies, nothing remains of the provisions that had been accumulated in time of peace. The houses, stables, and barns are burned or riddled with cannon-shots. The fields and meadows are trampled down by the tread of embattled hosts. Neither cereals nor grass have been harvested. All beasts of burden, all beeves, sheep and swine have been taken from the French people. Their laborers were either pressed into the French Army as soldiers, or into the German Army as teamsters. There scarcely remains even seed-corn. They are destitute of strength to prepare the trampled ground for seed for next season's harvest; destitute of material to sow; destitute, in many places of ground to sow upon, as miles upon miles of territory are made inviolable by the plough by reason of the sacred and terrible seed of human corpses with which they have been sown.

After the liberal way in which private subscriptions have poured in to aid the sick and * * (page torn) * * * (page torn) * * approval of the Consul-General of France in Calcutta, to put into immediate execution the scheme for a "French National Lottery" for the relief of the suffering people of France.

The lottery will be carried out on the principles of the late Government Lottery of Calcutta, adapted to present circumstances; and it is hoped that, after the first drawing, a sum of four to five lakh of rupees (£40,000 to £50,000, or 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 francs) will be available for forming the nucleus of the proposed Relief Fund.

The prizes will be fifty in number, in sums varying from one lakh of rupees to five hundred rupees, full details of which will be published hereafter.

All monies realized on account of the French National Lottery will be funded in one of the principal Banks of this city; and for all payments for the purchase of tickets accountable receipts will be granted countersigned by the manager of such Bank.

The drawings will be held with the greatest publicity, and after due public notice thereof being given; and at such drawings all numbers, all blanks, and all prizes, will be drawn, and there and then promulgated for general information.

All prizes will be payable on demand by the rightful claimant within ten days after the date of the drawings.

The working of the French National Lottery Scheme will be entrusted to a responsible Manager, under the general supervision of an Executive Committee.

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## HOME DEPARTMENT.

(Public.)

No. 4852, Simla, the 23rd October 1871.

From—E. C. Bayley, Esq., C. S. I., Secretary to the Government of India.
To—The Honorary Interim Secretary, French National Lottery, Calcutta.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 27th ultimo, requesting to be authorised by the Government of India to carry out a a scheme of a French National Lottery with the view of raising funds for the relief of the peasantry of France.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that, while the Governor General in Council regrets the inconvenience that may be caused, he still adheres to the opinion previously expressed that the matter is one which must be left to the Local Governments, to whom application should be made.

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No. 4861.

Copy of the above correspondence forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg for information.

E. C. BAYLEY,
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

(Police.)

No. 3—96, Fort William, the 14th March 1876.

From—Arthur Howell, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.
To—The Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg.

In continuation of Home Department No. 4861 dated the 23rd October 1871, I am directed to forward an extract* from the Post Office Report for 1874-75 relating to the demoralizing effect produced on Post Office employes by the constant transmission of money in unregistered covers in reply to Raffle and Lottery advertisements, and I am to request that will consider the propriety of taking steps to check the publication of such advertisements.

* Para 16.

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Extract, para. 16, from Annual Report on the operations of the Post Office of India for the year 1874-75.

PARA. 16. A serious source of temptation to dishonesty on the part of Post Office servants has grown of late years out of the numerous public lotteries and sweeps relating to the Derby and other notorious races. Subscriptions to these transactions are invited by newspaper advertisement, and unregistered letters pass in great numbers through the post directed to the "Secretary, Derby Sweep", or some such designation; that the great majority of such covers contain remittances for the most part in currency notes is a fact that cannot be concealed, and the obvious tendency must be the demoralization of some of those officials who have to deal with this class of correspondence.

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No. 10344—G. 2147, dated Bangalore, 30th March 1876.

From—The Officiating Secretary, Mysore C. C. Office.
To—The Postmaster General, Madras,

With reference to the enclosed extract (para. 16) from the Post Office Report for 1874—75, received from the Government of India, Home Department, relating to the demoralizing effect produced on Post Office employes by the constant transmission of money in unregistered covers in reply to Raffle and Lottery advertisements, I am desired by the Officiating Chief Commissioner of Mysore to enquire whether any instances of dishonesty in connection with letters containing remittances have been brought to your notice in H. M's. Post Offices in this Province and Coorg.

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No. 138—5, dated Madras, 6th April 1876.

From—Officiating Postmaster General, Madras.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

In reply to your No. 10344—2147 dated 30th March 1876, I have the honor to state that I am not aware of any reported instance of miscarriage of a unregistered letter posted in the Madras Presidency to the address of Secretary to Derby Sweep" or some such designation.

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No. 447, dated Bangalore, 17th May 1876.

From—P. Nuujoonda Mudaliar and others, Ulsoor, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore

We the undersigned most respectfully beg to bring to your notice that the Car of the Ulsoor Temples is in a very damaged state and the resources of the temples being very limited, much inconvenience is felt by the inhabitants for want of a new one. Your honor is well aware that it is very difficult in these days for such measures to be undertaken by one or two individuals. Finding that the resources of the temples will never allow of such additional heavy expenses, we, with the concurrence of several others, have adopted a plan by means of which a new and substantial car can be constructed without putting the public to any inconvenience, i. e. by starting a raffle at Ulsoor on a very simple scale. As the Government is very liberal in giving their helping hands towards charitable and public institutions we respectfully solicit the sanction of Government to start the said raffle, the particulars of which are given below.

We propose to collect Rs. 25,000 at the rate of 8 annas per ticket of which we utilize only a sum of Rs. 5,000 towards the construction of a new car as above proposed. Out of the remaining Rs. 20,000 we reserve a small sum of Rs. 1,250 on account of commission to agents at outstations and Rs. 300 for advertisement and printing charges &c. and the rest viz., Rs. 18,450 we distribute as prizes with a view to induce the public to subscribe to the above outlay.

The prizes are treated on a very liberal scale and are limited to 930 in number as mentioned below.

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| 1 | Prize | Rs. | 2,000. | 2 | Prizes | Rs. | 250 | each. | 30 | Prizes | Rs. | 50 | each. |
| 1 | do. | „ | 1,000. | 3 | do. | „ | 200 | „ | 70 | do. | „ | 30 | „ |
| | | | | 5 | do. | „ | 150 | „ | 120 | do. | „ | 20 | „ |
| 1 | do. | „ | 500. | 6 | do. | „ | 100 | „ | 250 | do. | „ | 10 | „ |
| 1 | do. | „ | 400. | 20 | do. | „ | 75 | „ | 420 | do. | „ | 5 | „ |

Should the full number of tickets not be sold, there will be a proportionate reduction in the amount of prizes.

Due notice will be given of the date of of drawing which will take place at Ulsoor under the supervision of a select committee of gentlemen of the station and in the presence of as many ticket holders as may attend.

We further guarantee the regular distribution of the prizes; and should the Government be pleased to accord its sanction we will hold the raffle within 6 months from this date or as early as tickets are taken up.

*Proceedings of the Officiating Chief Commissioner of Mysore.*

No 3153—G 528, dated 28th June 1876.

Read petition Registered No. 447, dated 17th May 1876 from M. Chinnaswamy Naidu, . Masilamoney Mudaliar and others residing at Ulsoor.

ORDER THEREON.

The Chief Commissioner observes that Sir R. Meade declines to refused o allow Public Raffles to be held in this Province, and in concurrence with his view, the Chief Commissioner declines his sanction to that now proposed.

To—Mr. Chinnatwamy Naidu, P. Masilamoney Mudaliar and others at Ulsoor.

„ The Inspector General of Police with petition in original.

„ The Commissioners of Divisions.

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No. 862—142, dated 19th July 1876.

From—The Inspector-General of Police.

To—Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, General Department.

Has the honor to return the petition signed by certain inhabitants of Ulsoor praying for sanction to start a Lottery, received with his No. 3153—28 of the 28th June 1876.

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No. 4221—J. 20, Bangalore, dated 24th July 1876.

From—The Chief Commissioner, Mysore.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Simla.

In reply to your letter dated the 14th March last No. 3—96, requesting the Chief Commissioner to consider the propriety of taking steps to check the publication of Raffle and Lottery advertisments, I am directed to state that the late Offg. Chief Commissioner made a reference to the Post Master General at Madras as to whether any instances of dishonesty had been brought to notice in connection with the transmission of letters containing remittances addressed to the Secretary of any Lottery or Sweep at Bangalore or elsewhere, and on receipt of a reply that no such cases had been reported Mr. Dalyele recorded his opinion that no further action was necessary. This explanation is, the Chief Commissioner considers, necessary in order to account for the delay which has led to the issue of the reminder No. 176 of 22nd ultimo received on the 13th instant.

2. The Chief Commissioner understands that under section 10 of Act 27 of 1870 the opening of Lotteries or Race Sweeps as well as advertisments of the prospectuses of such sweeps have been made illegal, but the penal section 294 A. cannot be enforced except at the instance of the Local Government. Mr. Saunders is disposed, I am to observe, to advocate repressive measures being taken under the direct sanction of the supreme Government to put a check to the institution of Race Sweeps and Lotteries, but in the absence of any positive evidence being afforded here of the injurious effects arising from money remittances in connection with them, these sweeps can be denounced only on general grounds, as fostering a spirit of gambling on a large scale, and as calculated to expose the Post Office employes to some additional temptation to acts of dishonesty.

In the event however of its being considered advisable that measures should be locally taken in furtherance of the repression of Race Sweeps generally throughout India, to enforce the law in these cases, the Chief Commissioner would desire to be invested with the powers of the Local Government for the purposes of Act 27 of 1870.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Police), No. 329, under date Simla, the 1st November 1877.

READ—

A circular of the Punjab Government, dated the 29th March 1877, withdrawing the prohibition against the publication of advertisements of lotteries not authorized by Government.

READ also—

A letter from the Bengal Government, dated the 13th September 1877, No. 1441 T.

RESOLUTION.

On the 13th September last the Bengal Government forwarded a letter from the Commissioner of Police at Calcutta, reporting that advertisements of lotteries and race-sweeps printed beyond the limits of Lower Bengal are sent in large numbers to hotels and other places of public resort in Bengal, in contravention of Section 294A of the Indian Penal Code, and that the proprietors of newspapers and other periodicals in Bengal complain bitterly that their columns are closed to notices and advertisements which are freely permitted elsewhere. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal considers that the present treatment of lotteries by the different Local Governments is exceedingly unsatisfactory; in Bengal the law is strictly enforced, while in the Punjab and elsewhere, it is habitually broken with impunity, and newspapers are allowed to advertise and circulate proposals directly opposed to the provisions of the section of the code cited. His Honor is of opinion that if these lotteries and race-sweeps are mischievous, they should be put down by law, instead of being allowed to develop themselves year by year: but that if they are considered to be a harmless amusement, the prohibitory clause in the Penal Code should be repealed, and lotteries should not be discouraged. His Honor himself considers them exceedingly mischievous.

2. The Government of India concur with His Honor's opinion as to the mischievous character of the lotteries and race-sweeps advertised, and believe that the mischief is year by year assuming greater dimensions. As the intention of the law on the subject is clear and as its provisions were intended to operate in one province as much as in another, the Government of India consider that the law should be uniformly enforced. Local Governments and Administrations are therefore requested to enfore the law after giving due notice thereof by publication of this Resolution in their several official Gazettes.

No. 4—343.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be forwarded for information and guidance to all Departments of the Government of India, to Local Governments and Administrations, and that it be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

ARTHUR HOWELL,

Offg Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To—The Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg.

No. 7621—8, DATED BANGALORE, 22ND NOVEMBER 1877.

ORDERED—that copies of the above Resolution be forwarded to Commissioners of Divisions and Deputy Commissioners of Districts, who are directed to give it every publicity.

2. The Inspector General of Police is also requested to take the necessary measures for putting the law in force were necessary.

Ordered also that the above Resolution be published in the *Mysore Gazette.*

T. CLARKE,
*Secretary.*

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To—The Commissioners Divisions.
„ Dy. Commissioners of Districts.
„ Inspector General of Police.
„ Compiler, Mysore Gazette.

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No. 14, dated India Office, London, 31st July 1879.

From—The Secretary of State for India,
To—The Government of India.

WITH reference to the question put by Sir George Campbell in the House of Commons on the 7th instant, on the subject of lotteries in India, I desire that Your Excellency in Council will inform me what steps have been taken towards suppressing these lotteries, and with what result, since the Publication of the Resolution* of your Government, dated 1st November 1877.

*See India, Home Department, Proceedings, November 1877, Police.

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No. 6—325 Simla, 7th October 1879.

COPY forwarded to Local Governments and Administrations, with a request that the Government of India may be favoured with a very early report as to the steps taken, and with what result, for suppressing lotteries since the issue of Home Department Resolution No. 329, dated 1st November 1877.

By order, &c.,
F. C. DAUKES,
*Under-Secretary to Government of India.*

To—The Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

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Dated Camp Mysore 29th October 79.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,

From—The Chief Commissioner of Mysore.
To—The Secretary to the Government of India H. R. A. Department, Simla

With reference to your Endorement No. 6—325 dated 7th October 1879 I am directed to reply that Resolution No. 329 Dated 1st November 1877 was republished in the Mysore Gazette and circulated to all District Officers. The Inspector General of Police was instructed to move the Local Government when necessary to put the law in force but no occasion has arisen for instituting a prosecution under the Act since that date.

2. I am directed to add that the Chief Commissioner does not apprehend that any injurious effect will be caused in the province of Coorg by a predilection for lotteries or that occasion is likely soon to arise for putting in force the law against them.

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ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded for information and guidance to all Departments of the Government of India, to Local Governments and Administrations, and that it be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

(True Extract.)

ARTHUR HOWELL,
*Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.*

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To—The Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg.

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No. 5—174-83, dated Simla, the 31st May 1882.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

(Police.)

From—A Mackenzie, Esq., c. s. Secretary to the Government of India.

To—Madras, Bombay, Bengal, N. W. Province and Oudh, Punjab, Central Povince, British Burma, Coorg, Assam and Hyderabad:

THE attention of the Governor General in Council has recently again been drawn to the fact that in some instances sanction has been given by local authorities to the holding of lotteries for various objects, and to the appearance in the local newspapers of advertisements regarding such undertakings. This has probably been through inadvertence or forgetfulness of the tenor of the Home Department Resolution No. 329 of the 1st November 1877. The Government of India retain the opinion there expressed, that the practice in question is distinctly mischievous, and one to which no encouragement of any kind should be given by Government. I am accordingly directed to request that all applications for permission to hold lotteries may be in future invariably refused.

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No. 184.

COPY forwarded to the several Departments of the Government of India for information and guidance.

A. H. T. MARTINDALE,
*Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.*

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No. 1144 I. G. dated Simla the 28th June 1882.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

(General.)

Copy forwarded to the Resident in Mysore for information.

By Order etc.,
H. S. BARNES,
*Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

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R. P, B.—4-1917—10.